MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNITY

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Randolph Baptist Church,

BIBB COUNTY, ALA.,

Friday and Saturday, October 15 and 16, 1883.

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OFFICERS.

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H. E. LONGCRIER,	Clerk,	Jones' Switch, "
K. WELLS,	Treasurer,	Verbena, "

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.—Introductory Sermon preached.
2.—Intermission, one hour for dinner.
3.—The Moderator call the Association to order.
4.—Letters read.
5.—Organization.
6.—Rules of Decorum read.
7.—Ministers who are not Messengers invited to seats.
8.—Admission of new churches.
9.—Correspondence received and returned.
10.—Appoint committees on:
    (*a.*) Preaching.
    (*b.*) Letters and Documents.
    (*c.*) Missions.
    (*d.*) Bible Schools.
    (*e.*) Education.
    (*f.*) Temperance.
    (*g.*) Periodicals.
    (*h.*) Deceased Ministers.
    (*i.*) Aged and Infirm Ministers, and Families of Deceased Ministers.
    (*j.*) Finance.
    (*k.*) Special.
11.—Miscellaneous Business.
12.—Adjourn.
13.—Reassemble.
14.—Roll Call.
15.—Previous Minutes read.
16.—Reports of Committees in the above order.
17.—The Committee on Preaching to appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon next session.
18.—Miscellaneous Business.
19.—Treasurer's Report.
20.—Adjourn.

MINUTES

OF THE

Unity Baptist Association.

The Unity Baptist Association assembled in its Twenty-ninth Annual Session with the Randolph Baptist Church, on Friday, October 5, 1883.

At 10:30 o'clock A. M. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. W. Mills, from 1 Corinthians 16:13: "Watch ye; stand fast in the faith; quit you like men; be strong."

After an intermission of one hour and a half for dinner, the messengers from the churches assembled in the church building, and were called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. Falkner.

After reading the 145th Psalm and singing the hymn, "Jesus, lover of my soul," the Association was led in prayer by Elder J. A. Mullens.

Elders G. W. Mills, H. W. Watson and T. F. Thomasson, Jr., were appointed to read the letters from the churches. Elder W. J. Ruddick assisted the Clerk in enrolling the names of the messengers, as follows:

Shady Grove—A. Andrews, J. M. Clay, O. Moore and J. H. Hinton.
Fellowship—V. T. Pierson, J. W. Terry, R. W. Little, E. J. Milling and J. R. Hooks.
Plantersville—G. W. Mills, W. H. Huckabee and P. M. Moore.
Harmony—G. W. Taylor, W. C. Adair, H. E. Wallace, J. W. Darden and W. P. Wallace.
Bethesda—H. M. Poole, Geo. Smith, J. L. Carter and J. S. Poole.
Bethel—H. E. Longcrier and Rufus Walker.
Big Springs—W. W. Carter and W. J. Wright.
Liberty—J. H. Cook and F. A. Goolsby.

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Mountain Creek—J. Falkner and T. F. Thomasson.
Verbena—K. Wells.
Chestnut Creek—Walter Boyd.
Providence—M. Bates and B. F. Heggins.
Friendship—J. L. Long, I. Bice, J. Glenn, W. J. Gray and H. M. Booth.
Mt. Zion—J. A. Mullens and H. C. Young.
Corinth—H. J. Norris.
Beth-Salem—Jno. Moore, Jas. Moore und J. N. Billingsley.
Shiloh—J. H. Griffis and Thomas Welden.
Pilgrims' Rest—R. P. Kendrick.
Ebenezer—W. L. Parnell, J. Letcher, Jas. Mitchell and L. DuBose.
Pleasant Grove—T. N. Lawrence, R. Latham and C. Q. Ingram.
Mt. Carmel—W. J. Atcheson.
Randolph—H. W. Watson, T. M. Henley and H. G. Thompson.
Mulberry—T. J. Elam, W. J. Flemings, D. A. White and E. A. Malone.
Chestnut Hill—Wm. Price.
Cane Creek—J. Gore and W. C. Giles.

An election by ballot was then had, Elders T. F. Thomasson and S. M. Adams acting as tellers, when Elder J. Falkner was re-elected Moderator, H. E. Longcrier re-elected Clerk, and K. Wells re-elected Treasurer.

Owing to the officers' endeavoring to resign in favor of others, there was some division in electing some of the officers.

On motion of J. M. Clay, the election was made unanimous.

The Moderator thanked the body for this manifestation of their confidence in him, and then declared the Association organized and ready for business.

A motion of Eld H. W. Watson, to adopt the programme prepared by a committee appointed at the last session of the Association and published in THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, was substituted by a motion of K. Wells, to continue the use of the Order of Business published in the Minutes of the Association.

Rules of Decorum were read by Elder W. J. Ruddick.

Ministers not messengers were invited to seats.

An invitation to newly constituted churches to unite with the Association was responded to by Poplar Springs, Enterprise, Beth-Salem and Mt. Carmel.

Beth-Salem and Mt. Carmel were, on motion, received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to their messengers.

Poplar Springs and Enterprise were rejected, on account of some irregularity in the constitution, only one ordained minister being present and officiating.

Correspondents were received from sister Associations as follows:

Cahaba—Elder S. M. Adams, R. Maness and W. T. Pierson.
Shelby—Elder T. F. Thomasson and W. V. Arnold.
Mulberry—Elder J. M. Langston, M. Longcrier, A. Smith and A. J. Woolley.

Returned correspondence as follows:

Cahaba—R. Latham.
Mulberry—Elder H. W. Watson.
Coosa River—Elders W. N. Huckabee and G. W. Mills, and Brethren B. F. Heggins and T. M. Henley.
Shelby—Eld. W. N. Huckabee and Brethren T. F. Thomasson and W. C. Boyd.

On motion, it was resolved to open correspondence with the Montgomery Association, and Elders H. W. Watson and G. W. Mills, and Brethren T. F. Thomasson and K. Wells were appointed as messengers.

To State Convention—Elds. J. Falkner, A. Andrews, G. W. Mills, W. N. Huckabee, H. W. Watson, and Brethren J. M. Clay, A. J. Brooks and W. T. Smith.

Resolved, That any member of this Association being in attendance at the Baptist State Convention, or with any Association with whom we correspond, is hereby authorized to present himself as a corresponding messenger.

On motion of Elder W. N. Huckabee, the courtesies of the Association were extended to Rev. A. J. Cousins, pastor of the Methodist Church; also to Rev. W. H. McDaniel, of the same society.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—The Pastor and Deacons of Randolph Church, and W. C. Adair, O. Moore and H. C. Young.
On Letters and Documents—G. W. Mills, T. M. Henley and J. S. Poole.
On Missions—J. M. Clay, J. L. Long and K. Wells (to report next session).
On Bible Schools—H. W. Watson, T. F. Thomasson and W. J. Wright (to report next session).
On Education—W. N. Huckabee, W. J. Flemings and V. T. Pierson (to report next session).
On Temperance—A. J. Brooks, W. C. Boyd and P. M. Moore (to report next session).
On Periodicals—W. J. Ruddick, W. W. Carter and B. F. Heggins.
On Deceased Ministers—J. A. Mullens, D. A. White and H. E. Wallace.
On Aged and Infirm Ministers—I. Bice, R. Latham and H. J. Norris.
On Finance—H. W. Watson, W. C. Adair and J. W. Terry.

On motion of Elder W. N. Huckabee, a special committee of three was appointed to visit the Associational Sunday School Convention at its next session, and invite said Convention to hold its annual meetings at the same place of meeting of the Association, and on the preceding day.

Committee—W. N. Huckabee, G. W. Mills and H. E. Wallace.

On motion of H. W. Watson, the Committee on Letters and Documents was instructed to make a special report on the letter from Chestnut Hill Church, as regards the impropriety of said church calling and retaining a pastor whose influence is against the Missionary Baptist Denomination.

On motion of Elder G. W. Mills, Elder H. W. Watson was added to the committee as regards the report on said letter.

The Committee on Preaching reported, that Elder S. M. Adams would preach at the Baptist Church to-night at 7:30 o'clock, and that Elder T. F. Thomasson would preach to-morrow night.

On motion of K. Wells, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer was offered by Elder A. Andrews.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, and, after reading the 2d, also a part of the 22d, 72d and 89th Psalms, and singing the hymn, "Nearer, my God, to thee," Elder T. J. Elam led the Association in prayer.

Roll called and absentees marked.

Proceedings of Friday read and adopted.

On motion, Elder W. C. Cleveland, D. D., was received as a representative of the State Mission Board.

The report on Letters and Documents was read by T. M. Henley. Adopted after a speech by Elder H. W. Watson.

The report on Missions was read by W. C. Adair, and discussed by Elders W. C. Cleveland, A. Andrews and J. Falkner. On motion, adopted.

The messengers pledged themselves to return home and make an effort to raise at least fifty cents per member during the year for the several objects mentioned in the circulars sent out by the State Mission Board.

Elder W. C. Cleveland made an effort to raise $100 for a Ministerial Professorship at Howard College. The following amounts were collected, and pledges given:

Verbena Church Paid	$5 00	Fellowship Church Paid	$5 00
Harmony " "	4 10	Cane Creek " "	60
Ebenezer " "	5 75	R. W. Little "	2 50
Plantersville Ch. "	5 00	V. T. Pierson "	2 50
Mt. Zion Ch. "	5 00		

PLEDGES.

A. Andrews	$10 00	W. J. Ruddick	$2 00
G. W. Mills	5 00	J. H. Hinton	2 00
T. F. Thomasson	5 00		

[NOTE.—I find that the amounts reported above by most of the churches were sent up by the churches for Ministerial Education at Howard College, and not for a Theological Professorship at said college; and when the brethren reported that their churches had sent up the above named amounts, they thought, I am satisfied, that the two were the same. The amounts were collected by the Finance Committee, and reported by them as collected for Ministerial Education, and not for the Professorship, and I was not instructed to make any change in their report. $20.50 was collected in the house for the Professorship. That amount and the pledges given is all that I am now authorized to report for said Theological Professorship.—CLERK.]

On motion, the Association adjourned one hour for dinner. Prayer by Elder Isaac Bice.

On re-assembling, sang the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name."

Prayer was offered by Elder W. J. Ruddick.

The Committees appointed last session to report at the present session on Bible Schools and Education being absent, and having sent up no reports, and as there was not sufficient time to appoint other committees when the above facts were ascertained, these objects were passed over without any report.

[NOTE.—If the chairmen of the committees appointed to report at the next session of the Association can not be present, let them not fail to prepare and send reports.—CLERK.]

The report on Periodicals was read by Elder W. J. Ruddick. Adopted after remarks by Elders W. C. Cleveland, A. Andrews and J. Falkner.

The report on Deceased Ministers was read by Elder W. J. Ruddick. Remarks by Elder J. Falkner. On motion, adopted.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by Elder W. J. Ruddick. Adopted after remarks by Elder W. C. Cleveland.

The report on Temperance was read by K. Wells. Discussed by Elds. W. C. Cleveland, A. Andrews and J. Falkner. Adopted.

On motion, the appointment of some one to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of the Association, was referred to the Committee on Preaching. Elder H. W. Watson was excused from serving on the committee in making said appointment.

Elder Isaac Bice made some very feeling remarks in regard to three aged sisters, two of them blind, and presented them to the Association as objects of charity. Bro. K. Wells, one of the Board of Revenue of Chilton County, stated that provisions had been made for them by the county. Nothing more was thought to be necessary.

On motion of J. M. Clay, the Moderator was requested to have the names of the churches called, for the purpose of obtaining pledges to defray the necessary expense of sending our young brother J. M. Kailins to school. Bro. K. Wells requested that the motion of Bro. Clay be withdrawn, stating that he would take Bro. Kailins to his home and send him to school, giving him an opportunity of earning something for himself, which he thought would be sufficient to defray the entire expense; however, if anything was lacking, he would foot the bill, if the Association at its next session would return the money. The motion was withdrawn, and the Association became responsible to Bro. Wells for whatever amount it might be necessary for him to pay out.

The report on Finance was read by Elder H. W. Watson. On motion, adopted.

On motion of K. Wells, $60.00 was appropriated for the Minute fund and Clerk's fee, and not less than 800 copies of Minutes be printed and distributed.

On motion, the amounts sent up by the churches for the objects fostered by the State Mission Board be sent to Elder T. M. Bailey, the Secretary of said Board.

On motion of Elder A. Andrews, the balance of the Minute fund, $8.50, be appropriated for Ministerial Education.

A motion of K. Wells, to change the meeting of the Association to Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October, was amended by a motion of J. M. Clay, to meet Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October.

Leave of absence was granted to the Mt. Zion delegation.

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS.

The meeting of the First District will be held with Big Springs Church, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in March, 1884.

The Second District will meet with Mountain Creek Church, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in June, 1884. Elder J. L. Long to preach the Introductory Sermon.

The Third District will meet with Providence Church, Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in August, 1884.

The Fourth District will meet with Ebenezer Church, Saturday before the second Sabbath in August, 1884.

ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The meeting of the Associational Sunday School Convention will be held with Plantersville Church, Friday before the first Sabbath in August, 1884.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On motion of Elder H. W. Watson, the same members be continued on the Executive Board another year, and that all of the unfinished business of the Association, if any, be referred to them.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolution offered by Elder H. W. Watson, on motion, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Board of Bible Work conducted by the American Baptist Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, has assured us that the field of operation of our State Mission Board will be aided upon the same terms as other Boards are;

Resolved, That we recommend the Baptists within the bounds of this Association to co-operate with our State Board in our Bible work.

The following, by J. M. Clay, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, sisters and friends of Randolph Church and community for their boundless hospitality; also to the Methodist brethren for the use of their church building.

PREACHING.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elder J. Falkner would preach in the Baptist Church at 11 o'clock A. M., Sabbath, and that Elder B. F. Giles would preach in the Methodist Church at the same hour.

At 2 o'clock P. M. Elder W. N. Huckabee would preach in the Baptist Church, and Elder H. W. Watson would preach in the Methodist Church.

Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock A. M. in the Baptist Church, conducted by Elder W. B. Hare.

On motion of Elder H. W. Watson, a public collection was ordered to be taken at the close of the 11 o'clock services, at both houses, for church building purposes.

Elder W. N. Huckabee was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of the Association; Elder H. W. Watson, alternate.

The Treasurer read his report, which, on motion, was adopted.

Having finished the business of the Association, we sang the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," gave each other the parting hand, united with Elder J. L. Long in prayer, then adjourned to meet with Harmony Church, Autauga County, Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1884.

J. FALKNER, Moderator.

H. E. LONGCRIER, Clerk.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The brethren preached as reported by the committee, to large and attentive congregations. It is to be hoped from the attention given that good was accomplished for the Master. $16.90 was collected for church building purposes.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee have examined the letters submitted, and find that out of twenty-nine churches composing this Association, twenty-four have sent letters. Nineteen report Bible schools; fourteen report revivals. Baptisms, 130.

We find that the district meeting of the First District selected Harmony Church as the place of the next meeting of the Association. We also find that Harmony Church suggests the changing of the time of meeting of this Association from Friday to Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October.

We find that the church at Chestnut Hill has for her pastor D. T. Seals, who, your committee learns, claims to be an Independent Baptist, and preaches doctrines not in harmony with the Abstract of Faith of this Association.

Your committee think the blank forms of church letters distributed by Bro. Longcrier, our Clerk, are very good, and recommend their continued use by the churches.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. MILLS, Chm'n.

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS, ON THE CHESTNUT HILL CHURCH LETTER.

WHEREAS, The church at Chestnut Hill, and a constituent member of this body, has delegated L. Bearden, J. O'Neal, W. Price and E. Barnes, of her membership, to represent her at the present session of this Association; and, whereas, the letter from said church discloses the fact, that one D. T. Seals presides as Moderator at the meetings of said church and is acting as pastor thereof for the present year; and it is made to appear to your committee that the said D. T. Seals holds no regular connection with the Baptist Denomination at this time; we are constrained to say that, in our judgment, the church at Chestnut Hill is in a state of disorder. We therefore offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the letter sent by the church at Chestnut Hill by the hands of her messengers be returned to them by this body with a copy of this report, to be laid before said church for her action, with the hope that before the next annual meeting of this body the said church will take all necessary steps to purge herself from her present state of disorder.

G. W. MILLS, Chm'n.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions report, that we rejoice to know that the cause of Missions is greatly on the increase. Our people are being aroused on the subject of its great importance.

Notwithstanding the fact that we have but entered upon the threshold of this great work, when we consider the teeming millions of human beings without hope and without God in the world, we would not be unmindful that much, if not the greater part of the increased interest manifested does arise from the faithful labors in our evangelical work through our State Board and worthy Secretary, Elder T. M. Bailey.

Now, brethren, we propose to show from two standpoints why we should do more for Missions than we ever have done, especially for Foreign Missions:

1. Our blessed Savior says, "Go teach all nations." This command is as much binding on the least of his followers as on the greatest, the laity as well as the ministers; the minister to go, and the laity to furnish the means, the support.

2. It is to our pecuniary interest to do so, to say nothing of our spiritual, which is of far greater importance. It can not be denied that whenever the Gospel has taken hold of a nation or people, its Christianizing and civilizing influence tends to suppress war and bloodshed, and opens up avenues for trade and commerce between nations. There can be no war waged between civilized nations but what the world is taxed to pay more or less the expense.

Then we urge upon all to respond to any call made by our worthy brother, Dr. Tupper, the Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board. Let us observe strictly the apostolic injunction, "Lay by in store every week as the Lord hath prospered us," in nickels, dimes, etc., and let these collections be made through Sabbath Schools, Aid Societies, District Meetings, Sunday School Conventions, at all times and places where we assemble. Our Mission Boards are continually increasing their forces, hence the greater need of larger contributions. When we give let us not forget to pray most earnestly and devoutly for the success of this great work. Respectfully submitted,

O. W. SHERRER, Chm'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee respectfully submit the following:

We do not propose to set forth the enormity of this evil, but contend that Christians must meet the issue—must begin in every quarter the conflict and wage war against it, for ungodly men, enthralled by appetite and avarice, will never move, will never press the question of reform and deliverance; and so the issue rests with the Christian people. Christians, by their profession, stand committed to every good work. In every movement they should seek to secure the good of men and the progress of Christ's kingdom. Therefore, we announce it as our deep and abiding faith that the domination of the liquor power can not continue forever. Its downfall is as certain as the fulfillment of the decrees of Him who has declared that "righteousness shall fill the earth." Such are the convictions of all truly pious and godly men.

Respectfully submitted, K. WELLS, Chm'n.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Your committee submit the following report:

We deem it to be our duty to recommend to our brethren and friends such periodicals as will tend to instruct us in regard to our duties and enlighten us as to the progress of our Master's kingdom, and elevate us to a higher plane of Christian work.

We therefore especially recommend to Alabama Baptists and our friends our home paper, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST. It contains that which immediately concerns us, giving us items of interest from all parts of the State, and brings us near to the brightest minds in our denomination as they publish their thoughts for our instruction. Who is it that reads the BAPTIST but what is familiar with such brethren as Cleveland, Renfroe, Henderson, Teague, Phillips, Vox and Old Grum? It will help us to understand our doctrinal principles, our practices and plans for the future; it will point out our duties and give us hints for their accomplishment, as it speaks the truth in love. Brethren, if you have not already subscribed for it, do so at once. Its price, $2.00, is in the reach of all, and you will never regret it.

There are other papers published in adjoining States that are good and rich in Bible truth: *The Index* of Georgia, *Religious Herald* of Virginia, *The Baptist* of Tennessee, *Ford's Christian Repository* of St. Louis, etc.

For our Bible Schools we recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., and the periodicals and lesson papers of the American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia.

For teachers we especially recommend the *Baptist Teacher*, published by said Society.

For the family circle, we heartily recommend *The Home Circle*, published monthly by the same Society. Subscription price, $1.50 a year.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. RUDDICK, Chm'n.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee, with hearts full of gratitude to God for his goodness, mercy and protection, find no death to report among the ministry of this Association during the past year. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. MULLENS, Chm'n.

ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that we find no ministers within our bounds needing assistance. Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC BICE, Chm'n.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Minutes and Associationalal purposes	$ 68 50
Foreign Missions	38 75
Home Missions	47 25
Eld. J. Falkner, pledge to build church in Mexico	10 00
Howard College	20 00
Church Building Fund	16 00
Collected on Sunday for Church Building Fund	16 90
Sister A. Andrews for Indian Missions	10 00
State Missions	40 10
Ministerial Education	29 39
Infirm Ministers	25
Collected on Monday for Theological Professorship	20 50
Total	$311 64

Which amount is in the hands of the Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted, H. W. WATSON, Chm'n.

[NOTE.—The $100.00 reported by Mountain Creek Church was sent to the Convention or Bro. Bailey, and not to the Association. I find in adding up the above that the committee made a mistake of $20.00. They report $331.64 instead of $311.64. The amount of money may be correct, but the figures are wrong.—CLERK.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

K. WELLS, Treasurer,

1883. In account with Unity Baptist Association:

To amount in Treasury at close of last session		$166 50
" by Finance Committee.		311 64
		$478 14

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1882. Nov.	By Elder T. M. Bailey's receipt	$166 50	
1883. Oct. 6.	" amount to Clerk for Minutes and services	60 00	
Oct. 6.	" " in Treasury, money and receipts	251 64	$478 14

Respectfully submitted, K. WELLS, Treas.

TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETING, AND OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove	J. R. Sartor	B. B Smith	J. N. Gradick	J. Nunn.
1856	Plantersville	A.C. Patillo	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn.
1857	Mulberry	A. Andrews	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn.
1858	Kingston	D. M. Lloyd	J. D. Moodie.	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn.
1859	Harmony	J. H. Ray	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn.
1860	Ebenezer	J. D. Moodie	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	J. Nunn.
1861	Chestnut Creek	W. Wilkes	I. U. Wilkes	J. I. Lamar	L. B. Parker.
1862	Bethesda	A. Andrews	I. U. Wilkes	A L. Haralson	L. B. Parker.
1863					
1864	Randolph				
1865	Plantersville	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. R. Gandy	L. B. Parker.
1866					
1867					
1868					
1869	Bethel	A. Andrews	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker.
1870	Mt. Hebron	W. Lee	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker.
1871	Mulberry	J. Allen	A. Andrews	W. C. Adair	L. B. Parker.
1872	Chestnut Creek	W. Lee	A. Andrews	J. L. Williams	W. C. Adair.
1873	Big Springs	J. A. Mullens	A. Andrews	H. E. Longcrier	W. C. Adair.
1874	Plantersville	G. W. Mills	A. Andrews	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1875	Mt. Zion	Wm. Lee	Wm. Lee	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1876	Ebenezer	J. A. Mullens	Wm. Lee	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1877	Harmony	A. Andrews	Wm. Lee	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1878	Chestnut Creek	F. M. Vines	A. Andrews	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1879	Fellowship	A. L. Blizard	A. Andrews	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1880	Bethesda	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1881	Mulberry	H. E. Longcrier.	J. Falkner	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1882	Shiloh	A. Andrews	J. Falkner	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.
1883	Randolph	G. W. Mills	J. Falkner	H. E. Longcrier	K. Wells.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

	CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	No. Mess'g'rs pres	Sab. of Meeting.	Minutes.	Indigent Ministers' Fund.	Ministerial Education.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Amount to State Mission Board.	Amount paid Pastor.	Total Membership	Deceased.	Excluded.	Dis. by Letter.	Restored.	Rec'd by Letter.	Baptized
1ST DISTRICT. 2D DISTRICT. 3D DISTRICT. 4TH DISTRICT.	Shady Grove	A. Andrews	C. A. Arnold	Burnsville	Dallas	4	3	5 00	....	$20 00	$20 00	$30 00	$20 00	$.....	38	2	..	..	..	2	6
	Fellowship	A. L. Blizard	J. W. Mitchell	Plantersville	Dallas	5	3	5 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142	1	..	12	..	5	12
	Plantersville	W. N. Huckabee	C. H. McBride	Plantersville	Dallas	3	1	2 00	....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	..	..	2	..	58	4
	Bethesda	J. H. Ray	J. H. Bates	Independence	Autauga	4	4	3 00	....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	56	..	..	....	1	4	8
	Bethel	W. N. Huckabee	T. H. Longcrier	Jones' Switch	Autauga	2	4	3 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	..	5	14	..	..	....
	Big Springs	Isaac Bice	J. C. Butler	Independence	Autauga	2	1	3 00	....	.....	1 50	1 50	1 50	.....	62	..	..	2	..	..	....
	*Unity	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	..	..	....	..	..	....
	Autaugaville	A. L. Blizard	O. W. Sherrer	Autaugaville	Autauga	..	4	50	25	25	25	25	50	50 00	8	..	..	1	1	..	....
	Harmony	A. L. Blizard	W. C. Adair	Benton	Autauga	5	1	3 00	....	4 10	.....	.....	.....	95 00	87	..	..	6	..	5	12
	*Union	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	..	..	....	..	..	....
	Liberty	J. H. Ray	O. N. Gunnels	Deatsville	Elmore	2	3	2 00	....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	1	3	4	1	..	3
	Mountain Creek	J. Falkner	W. T. Angell	Bozeman	Autauga	2	2	3 00	....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	52	1	..	7	..	6	13
	*Canaan	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	...
	*New Hope	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	..	..	...	..	..	...
	Friendship	J. L. Long	J. M. Dennis	Verbena	Chilton	5	1	2 00	75	.....	.....	12 00	.....	14 29	39	..	..	1	..	..	....
	Beth-Salem	C. C. Billingsley	J. N. Billingsley	Verbena	Chilton	3	1	1 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	..	..	....	..	..	....
	Verbena	J. Falkner	A. J. Brooks	Verbena	Chilton	1	1—3	3 00	....	5 00	7 00	5 00	10 00	209 00	43	..	..	....	..	6	4
	Chestnut Creek	J. H. Ray	A. I. L. Dennis	Coopers' Station	Chilton	1	1	4 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 05	74	..	..	17	..	1	2
	Corinth	Isaac Bice	W. D. Cross	Verbena	Chilton	1	2	1 00	....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	61	..	..	5	..	6	9
	Providence	G. W. Higgins	R. Roberson	Coopers' Station	Chilton	2	3	5 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167	2	21	2	3	3	25
	Cane Creek	J. A. Mullens	J. Goer	Clanton	Chilton	2	4	1 50	....	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	31	..	1	....	..	1	....
	Mt. Zion	J. A. Mullens	H. C. Young	Clanton	Chilton	2	2	4 00	....	5 00	.....	.....	10 00	50 00	70	..	..	....	..	..	....
	Clanton	J. Falkner	W. H. Lawrence	Clanton	Chilton	..	4	1 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	18	1	..	6	..	3	....
	Shilon	Isaac Bice	J. H. Griffis	Kincheon	Chilton	2	3	2 50	....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	106	..	1	18	3	8	16
	Pilgrims' Rest	W. J. Ruddick	W. H. Mills	Calliersville	Chilton	1	4	2 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	..	..	3	..	..	....
	Ebenezer	G. W. Mills	W. L. Parnell	Calliersville	Chilton	4	2	5 00	....	5 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	..	..	4	1	6	11
	Chestnut Hill	D. T. Seals	W. B. Bearden	Calliersville	Chilton	1	....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	..	..	....	..	..	....
	Pleasant Grove	S. M. Adams	J. H. Shoults	Maplesville	Chilton	3	4	2 00	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	..	4	4	..	..	....
	Randolph	H. W. Watson	T. M. Henley	Randolph	Bibb	3	2	2 50	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	..	..	3	1	3	....
	Mulberry	J. M. McCord	J. L. Williams	Lilly	Chilton	4	4	1 50	....	.....	5 00	5 00	.....	100 00	96	2	2	2	5	1	11
	Mt. Carmel	I. U. Wilkes	W. J. Atcheson	Maplesville	Chilton	1	1	1 50	....	.....	.....	.....	2 10	.....	20	..	..	....	..	..	2
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*Not represented.

BIBLE SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCH.	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE	COUNTY.	PAPERS USED.	Average attendance.
Shady Grove	P. R. King	Burnsville	Dallas	Kind Words	10
Plantersville	Dr. Todd	Plantersville	Dallas	Union Papers	25
Bethesda	W. C. Poole	Independence	Autauga	Kind Words	40
Bethel	H. E. Longerier	Jones' Switch	Autauga	Am. Bapt. Pub. Society	25
Big Springs	W. W. Carter	Independence	Autauga	Kind Words	25
Harmony	3 Sch's { R. J. Bishop, W. C. Adair, G. W. Taylor	Benton	Autauga	Kind Words	90
Liberty	J. N. Cook	Deatsville	Chilton	Union Question Books	25
Mountain Creek	T. F. Thomasson	Mountain Creek	Chilton	David C. Cook's Bap. Teacher	50
Friendship	J. L. Long	Verbena	Chilton	Dew Drops	32
Verbena	O. R. Bell	Verbena	Chilton	International & Kind Words	45
Chestnut Creek	W. W. Patison	Cooper's Sta	Chilton	Bible and Catechism	20
Corinth	J. S. Jones	Verbena	Chilton	Bible	12
Providence	W. W. Powell	Cooper's Sta	Chilton		..
Mt. Zion	J. Vines & A. Jones	Clanton	Chilton	International	70
Clanton	J. H. Chandler	Clanton	Chilton	Kind Words	45
Shiloh	D. A. Kemp	Kincheon	Chilton	Kind Words	25
Pilgrims' Rest	E. H. Poole	Calliersville	Chilton	Kind Words	25
Ebenezer	W. J. Ruddick	Calliersville	Chilton	Am. Bapt. Pub. Society	30
Randolph	S. A. Latham	Randolph	Bibb	Am. Bapt. Pub. Society	31
Mulberry	W. J. Flemings	Lilly	Chilton	Kind Words	25
Mt. Carmel	Has a Bible School		No statistics.	Furnished	..

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; these three are one—1 Corinthians 8:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1:2-5; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Romans 3:23; 5:12; 3:10.

5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Romans 5:6; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:1-5; Philippians 2:13.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16-20.

7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Corinthians 12:9; Colossians 3: 4; Romans 8:38-39.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism—Matthew 3:5,6,13,16; Acts 2:37-38, Acts 8:38-39.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Acts 17:31; John 5:28-29.

10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matthew 25:46.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God, and have been regularly baptized, approved by the church, and come under the imposition of hands by a Presbytery—1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 26:16.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized believers have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42-44; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 11:23,29.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be known as "THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2.—The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3.—This Association shall hold its sessions annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one *pro tem.* shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5.—A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6.—Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by the consent of the members in session.

ART. 7.—Any church, orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8.— This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine or practice.

ART. 9.—Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10.—It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART. 11.—If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12.—All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. 13.—This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14.—Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

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NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
A. ANDREWS	Burnsville	Dallas	Alabama.
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C. C. BILLINGSLEY	Verbena	Chilton	Alabama.
J. H. RAY	Deatsville	Chilton	Alabama.
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J. A. MULLENS	Clanton	Chilton	Alabama.
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